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SUBJECT: DEATH BED VISIT - ANDERSON

1. MRS. ALEVINA ANDERSON OF RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY HAS APPEALED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE HER TRAVEL TO THE SOVIET UNION TO VISIT HER MOTHER MRS. ELIZAVETA SHCHERBAKOVA WHO IS DYING OF CANCER IN KUIBYSHEV.

2. MRS. ANDERSON, WIFE OF RAY ANDERSON FORMER NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, IS A CONTRACT INTERPRETER FOR THE DEPARTMENT NOW ASSISTING IN THE PATOLICHEV VISIT.

3. MRS. ANDERSON APPLIED FOR A VISA AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE WEEKS AGO. SHE HAS NOW BEEN TOLD THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN KUIBYSHEV WOULD NOT PERMIT A VISIT SINCE KUIBYSHEV IS CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS.

4. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHEN HER FATHER WAS DYING, MRS. ANDERSON WAS PUT THROUGH A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR EXPERIENCE, HER VISA APPLICATION BEING ACTED UPON ONLY AFTER HER FATHER'S DEATH.

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5. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY MAKE AN URGENT INTER-CESSION ON MRS. ANDERSON'S BEHALF AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL IN THE MFA. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO APPROACH LOCAL OFFICIALS IF THIS APPEARS ADVISABLE. VANCE

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